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**Project Newsletter**

**King County Parks – Your Big Backyard:** We're at work so you can play!

### Community outreach

- For questions or more information about construction, call the 24/7 project hotline: 1-888-668-4886 or e-mail [ELST@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ELST@kingcounty.gov). King County will respond within one business day.
- Visit the website: [www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail](http://www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail) for project information and weekly construction updates.
- Look for upcoming project newsletters to stay informed of current construction activity.
- Trail outreach staff are onsite throughout the week to answer construction questions and address neighborhood concerns. Staff can also be reached directly on the project hotline Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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King County Parks,  
the project team, and Tri State Construction,  
thank you for your patience and cooperation  
during construction and wish you all a safe and  
**happy new year!**



## North Sammamish

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January 2015

## Trail construction nears completion

### We appreciate your patience during construction!

Crews have paved half of this 2-½-mile-long trail segment, and the remaining portion will be paved within the next eight weeks, weather permitting.

Crews are also working on trail intersections, and that work is also expected to last for about eight weeks. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times during construction, however there may be temporary disruptions. The project team is committed to keeping trail neighbors apprised of upcoming construction activities and temporary impacts.

Workers have completed construction of 42 retaining walls in this segment of the trail corridor. King County's decision

to construct a high number of retaining walls within this 2-½-mile-long segment of the trail was based on minimizing the trail footprint to reduce impacts to adjacent homeowners and to environmentally sensitive areas along the county's right of way.

Additional trail elements recently completed include constructing 18 access stairs connecting the trail to recreational properties.

Four fish passable culverts were installed at priority locations identified by the Kokanee Work Group. Fish passable culverts and work to restore streambeds is expected to provide immediate benefit to fish habitat along the corridor.

Look for the  
upcoming spring  
trail opening  
celebration

Stay tuned for more information  
in the coming weeks.



*This retaining wall along the trail was constructed with a local artist's design that adds character and visual interest.*

## Upcoming construction activity

Overall, the project is on schedule and the trail is expected to re-open in April. In the coming weeks, the contractor will continue constructing trail intersections, driveway transitions, rest stops and concrete warning bands. Crews will also wrap up trail paving, installing chain link and split rail fence, bollards, signage, stair handrails, trail amenities and landscaping.



Model Trail User Code of Conduct

- As trail opening draws closer, all trail users are reminded to adhere to the trail user code of conduct.
- 1. USING A TRAIL.** Every person using a trail shall stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, excepting those movements necessary to prepare to make or make turning movements, or while overtaking and passing another user moving in the same direction.
  - 2. REGARD FOR OTHER TRAIL USERS.** Every user shall exercise due care and caution to avoid colliding with any other trail user. All users shall travel in a consistent and predictable manner.
  - 3. GROUPS ON TRAIL.** No group of trail users, including their animal(s), shall occupy more than one half of the trail as measured from the right side, so as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of trail users.
  - 4. AUDIBLE SIGNAL WHEN PASSING.** Every user shall give an audible warning signal before passing another trail user. The signal must be produced in such a manner as to allow adequate time for response. The signal may be given by voice, bell or horn.
  - 5. OVERTAKING TRAIL USERS ON THE LEFT.** Any trail user overtaking another trail user proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left of such overtaken user at a safe distance, and shall stay to the left until safely clear of the overtaken user.
  - 6. ENTERING AND CROSSING TRAIL.** Trail users entering or crossing the trail at uncontrolled points shall yield to traffic on the trail.
  - 7. LIGHTS ON TRAIL USERS.** All bicyclists using the trail from one half hour before sunset to one half hour before sunrise shall equip their bicycles with a headlight visible 500 feet to the front, and a red or amber light visible 500 feet to the rear.
  - 8. REGARD FOR EQUESTRIAN USERS ON TRAIL.** Trail users shall exercise extreme caution to prevent frightening horses with sudden noise or movement and shall always yield right of way to horses and warn equestrian users when approaching from behind and attempting to pass.
  - 9. REGARD FOR ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS.** Trail users should respect private lands adjacent to county trails and should stay on trails to avoid trespassing on or interfering with adjacent private property.
  - 10. TRAIL USERS SHALL ADHERE** to a 15 miles per hours speed limit at all times.

King County Code Section 7.12.295

Improving intersection safety

- The new trail includes enhanced intersections and crossing treatments that improve safety by:
- Providing open sightlines for trail users, motorists, and pedestrians crossing the trail;
  - Providing a visual and textural difference from the asphalt trail by constructing concrete intersections;
  - Warning trail users of approaching intersections with textured concrete warning bands 75 feet ahead of each crossing; and
  - Identifying intersections clearly through consistent signage, striping, and bollards.

King County Parks continues to work closely with Cascade Bicycle Club and the King County Sheriff’s Office to heighten awareness of the trail speed limit and code of conduct.



New intersection within Issaquah trail segment.

Communicating with trail neighbors

King County Parks’ public outreach team continues to support the coordination of communication between the design and construction team, trail neighbors and trail users about upcoming construction activities and temporary impacts or utility outages. In addition to direct communications through the project hotline and email, representatives of the public outreach team are on site listening to comments and concerns shared by trail neighbors and answering questions.

**South Sammamish B Update**




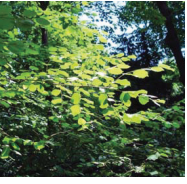

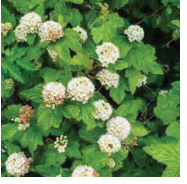
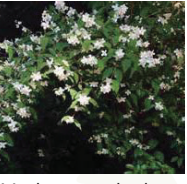

King County anticipates preliminary trail alignment plans will be finalized and posted to the project website this summer. Community meetings will be scheduled once the plans are available.

Landscaping







Updated landscaping plans for the North Sammamish Segment are available and have been posted to the project website. The new landscaping along the trail corridor will feature native species such as the plants shown below. Tall screening trees and plants will be placed along the corridor in areas outside the intersection sightlines. Landscaped areas within the intersection sightlines will include native species that have a mature height of less than 3 feet.

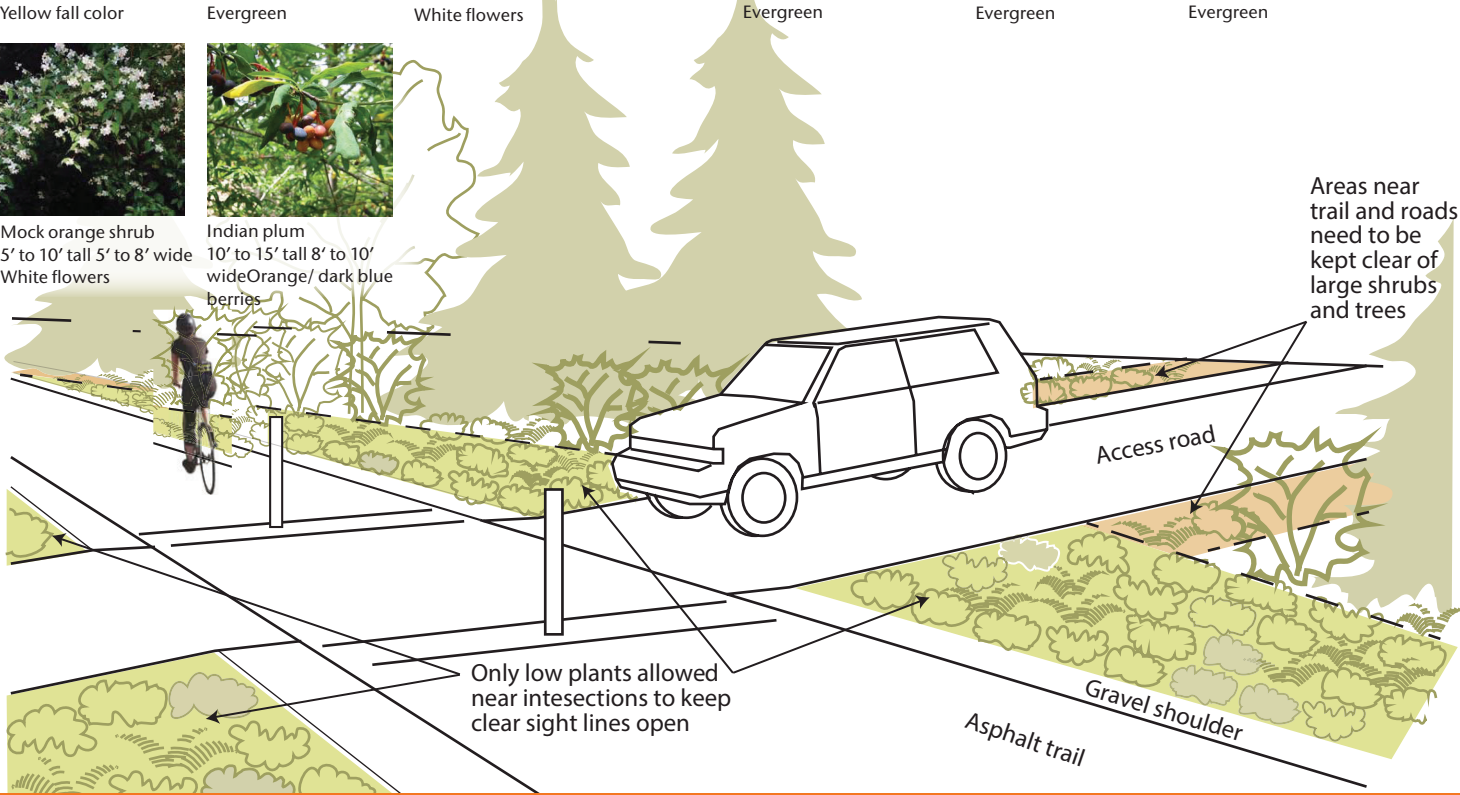
Project outreach representatives are available to answer questions regarding the landscaping plans. Please contact the project hotline at 1-888-668-4886 or email [ELST@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ELST@kingcounty.gov).

**Large shrub varieties**  
Planted only outside of clear sight line areas and at least 6 feet from pavement.

 <p>Snowberry shrub 5’ to 8’ tall 3 to 5’ wide White berries</p>	 <p>Nootka shrub rose 5’ to 8’ tall 3 to 5’ wide Pink flowers, red hips</p>	 <p>Vine maple 10’ to 20’ tall 8’ to 15’ wide Orange/red fall color</p>
 <p>Beaked hazelnut 5’ to 15’ tall 5’ to 12’ wide Yellow fall color</p>	 <p>Tall Oregon grape 4’ to 8’ tall 3’ to 5’ wide Evergreen</p>	 <p>Pacific ninebark shrub 8’ to 15’ tall 8’ to 15’ wide White flowers</p>
 <p>Mock orange shrub 5’ to 10’ tall 5’ to 8’ wide White flowers</p>	 <p>Indian plum 10’ to 15’ tall 8’ to 10’ wide Orange/ dark blue berries</p>	

**Low shrub and groundcover varieties**  
Can be planted closer to pavement and inside of clear sight line areas.

 <p>Dwarf redbud 1’ to 2’ tall 2’ to 3’ wide Red stems</p>	 <p>Low Oregon grape 1’ to 2’ tall 1’ to 2’ wide Evergreen</p>	 <p>Salal 1’ to 6’ tall 1’ to 4’ wide Evergreen</p>
 <p>Kinnikinnick 3” to 6” tall 2’ to 4’ wide Evergreen</p>	 <p>Wild strawberry 1” to 3” tall 1’ to 4’ wide Evergreen</p>	 <p>Deer or sword fern 1’ to 2’ tall 1’ to 3’ wide Evergreen</p>



Areas near trail and roads need to be kept clear of large shrubs and trees

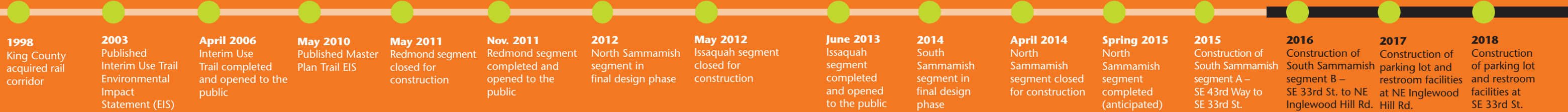
Access road

Gravel shoulder

Asphalt trail

Only low plants allowed near intersections to keep clear sight lines open

Trail Timeline



Future Phases (pending funding availability)